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SUBJECT: BURKINA FASO AGREES TO VOTE AGAINST NO-ACTION MOTION ON IRAN

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Classified by Samuel C. Laeuchli, Deputy Chief of Mission, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) On November 17, DCM and POLOFF discussed Burkina Faso's potential vote on a no-action motion for the resolution on Iran (Ref B.) with Vincent Zakane, Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). Also in attendance was newly appointed MOFA Director General of Multilateral Affairs, Der Kogda. This meeting was a follow-up to the initial demarche Ambassador Jackson delivered on this topic to Zakane last week (Ref A.). Zakane explained that, after careful consideration, Burkina Faso had decided to support the U.S. position. Zakane assured the DCM that Burkina Faso would vote against the no-action motion on the Iran resolution, and if there is discussion on Iran's human rights record and a resolution is voted, Burkina Faso will vote with us on the final resolution. Zakane added that the Burkina Faso Ambassador to the U.N. has already been given these instructions.

12. (C) COMMENT: Burkina Faso's full support for the final resolution on Iran will likely depend on the exact language, as Zakane said that he was looking forward to a text that was not too critical.

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